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Fieldings, Judith F. must have died about this time, as in October, 1753, Edwin F. mortgaged 137 acres of land and two negroes (*wife not mentioned*), and December 6, 1754, Edwin and Winifred Fielding (his probably wife) sold 150 acres of land.

In a letter of attorney to Thomas Hobson, Sr., from Edward Fielding, dated September 13, 1684, he uses an octogon shaped seal bearing on a field or. a lion rampant ppr. These arms are different from those of Henry Fielding, father of Frances Fielding Lewis, of Gloucester county, Va., which were arg. on a chief az. three lozenges or.

There are other Fieldings mentioned in the Northumberland records, but I cannot give their relationship to the family traced above. The entries are: Joseph Fielding, deed, 1663; Mrs. Hannah Fielding, judgement, 1669; Daniel Fielding, will, 1714. The relationship may be something like this: Joseph Fielding was a brother of Edward, Richard, Ambrose and others, of Bristol, and having died prior to Richard in 1666, does not appear in the wills of Richard 1666, Ambrose 1675, and Edward 1695. Mrs. Hannah Fielding was probably his widow, and Daniel Fielding their son. There were four Fielding soldiers in the Revolutionary war. They were George, James, Joseph and Eppy Fielding, probably all from Northumberland county.

DOCUMENTS.*

WILL OF RICHARD FEILDING, 1667.

(Abstract.)

Richard feilding, Merchant, Bristol, England. Dated July 16th, 1666. Recorded in Northumberland county, Virginia, April 8th, 1667.

Bequeaths his estate as follows:

- 1st. To brother Robert feilding, of Glouc'ter, five shillings.
- 2nd. To sister Elizabeth Gwin, of Horton in Gloucester, five shillings.
- 3rd. To brother-in-law Giles Mauning [the *William and Mary Quarterly* calls him Mourning] & his wife five shillings each.
- 4th. To Francis Manning, oldest son of Giles Manning, five pounds.
- 5th. To brother-in-law Francis Manning & his wife each five shillings, "and in case she hath a son I give & bequeath unto him five pounds," but if the child proves to be a daughter she is to have but forty shillings.
- 6th. To sister Margaret Fryer twenty pounds, in case his ship *Phoenix* arrives safely in England; "and my will is that Walter Fryer, her husband, shall not intermeddle or have anything to do with the same.

* The papers of which abstracts are given were among a mass of documents belonging to a branch of the Carter family of Virginia, which were purchased some years ago by W. R. Benjamin, the New York dealer. After passing through several hands, these have become the property of Dr. Miller.

7. To "my loving brother, Ambrose Fielding," in case the ship Phenix arrives safely, he gives all his plantation of land lying on great Wicocomico in Westmoreland county, Virginia, together with all servants, stocks, cattle, hoggs, utensils and other appurtenances.

8th. Gives to brother, Mr. Edward Fielding, of Bristoll, all his part of the ship Phenix, with all Tobacco & other goods on board, & the residue of his estate, both real and personal, in both England & Virginia or elsewhere, after all debts, legacies & funeral charges are paid.

9th. Appoints brother Edward Fielding his sole executor.

Signed and sealed in the presence of Tho: Brereton, William Morgan, Wm. Brinton & John Salter, & proved in Northumberland county, Va., by oath of Capt. Thos. Brereton.

Note.—The plantation on Gt. Wicocomico, bequeathed to Ambrose Fielding, consisted of 1,000 acres of land sold to Richard Fielding by Capt. Peter Knight, Dec. 14, 1662, described as lying at the head of the river on the south side.

WILL OF AMBROSE FIELDING, 1678.

(Abstract)

Ambrose Fielding, Planter, Wicocomico, Northumberland county, Virginia. Dated June 26th, 1673. Recorded in same county November 17th, 1675. Bequeathes estate as follows:

1st. After paying all debts and funeral charges, directs that all his estate be equally divided between his three children, Richard, Edward & Anne

2nd. Gives wife, Anne Fielding, ten shillings to buy a ring.

3rd. Appoints brother Edward Fielding & son Richard Fielding his executors. But in case of his death "heere in Virginia," he appoints his "loving friends Thomas Brereton & Thomas Hobson to be overseers, and to have Care of what Estate here is under my management and to give an account unto my Executors, Edward Fielding & Richard.

Signed & sealed in presence of Henry Road, Samuel Hartwell & R. Hoare."

Note.—The estate referred to above as under his management consisted of 1,400 acres of land lying adjacent to his own plantation, together with the personal estate thereon, all of which belonged to his brother, Edward Fielding, of Bristol. Ambrose's son, Richard, took possession of this, along with his share of his father's estate, and it required several suits and an ejectment on the part of his uncle, Edward, to dispossess him of it. Finally, by a deed of sale made September 1st, 1686, Richard turns over to his uncle, Edward Fielding, all the above mentioned property and his share of his father's estate, 1,700 acres of land in all, with the personal estate thereon, in consideration "of diverse free & meere gifts" and twelve pounds sterling.

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